## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated August 28, 2008, Lincoln County, North Platte, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for one (1) year for hardware maintenance effective August 2008 in the amount of \$9,665.61. The Commission previously approved one-year of equipment maintenance in an order entered on December 11, 2007.

Lincoln County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor.

All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are consistent with the vendor's response to the Commission's request for proposals (RFP).

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to <u>Neb</u>. <u>Rev</u>. <u>Stat</u>. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request is eligible for full reimbursement based upon the Interim Policy, established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission finds that maintenance of the equipment and software is essential to ensure the proper operation of the statewide 911 system and should be funded to the extent funds are available during this interim period, subject to change based upon the availability of funds and the permanent funding mechanism.

Therefore, the Commission finds that the request for funding should be granted in the amount of \$9,665.61 for one (1) year hardware maintenance subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Lincoln County or its designee the amount of \$9,665.61 consistent with the terms of this order for hardware maintenance to Lincoln County, subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Lincoln County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

Any amounts not paid for by the fund shall be the responsibility of Lincoln County.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Lincoln County or its designee the amount of \$9,665.61 consistent with the terms of this order for hardware maintenance consistent with the terms of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of November, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director